

[*A TAILGATE ASSEMBLY*]

Abstract of Disclosure

A tailgate assembly 12 having an inner panel 16 and an outer panel 18 which is selectively coupled to the inner panel 16. The tailgate assembly 12 further includes at least one stiffening member 22, 24 which is selectively and operatively contained between the panels 16, 18 and which increases the strength and durability of the tailgate assembly 12.

Figures